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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team V - Biographics

Working Group on Name Finding Activities

Minutes of the Third Meeting, 10 June 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A NSA [REDACTED] Chairman
25X1A CIA - [REDACTED]
DIA - [REDACTED]
STATE - Mr. Mitchell Stanley
25X1A SS [REDACTED]
CSS [REDACTED]

1. The group approved the minutes of the last meeting with minor changes.
2. Picking up the main subject of the last meeting, the Chairman asked the group to consider what a typical request is and how these might be looked at in a sample survey. The group considered for some time how requests might be categorized. Three broad categories emerged from the discussion. A request might be classified by the information supplied, the kind of information requested or by form. Examples of the information-supplied category might include just a name, several variants or variations of names, a name plus other data such as occupation, place of birth, etc. or information about the person such as occupation, place and date of birth, activity, location, etc., but no name.
3. The second category; namely, the kind of information asked for, might include a request for additional biographic information, a list of names and identification, presence of derogatory information and specific additional information. The third category, the form of the answer, might include telephone answers, a report, a machine listing, etc.
4. The point was considered from a different direction by the group posing typical questions; examples include:

A. Who is _____?

B. Who replaced _____ in job X?

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- C. Who is in job X?
- D. Give all information on _____.
- E. Provide a picture of Mr. _____.
- F. List all who are associated with Mr. _____.
- G. List all who belong to organization _____.

5. After some consideration of the above, it was agreed by the group that the key question here is the need for the group to identify the duplication and gaps in the intelligence processing activity in the biographic field. The following questions were raised: Are the current questions the ones that should be used by the operating elements? Should there be new questions or should questions be better formatted? The group decided that each member will bring to the next meeting, five sample typical questions of the five major types that are being asked of his organization. This is assuming that the five cover more than eighty per cent of the inquiries being made. The relative percentage to the total of each of the categories should be provided and the sources should be cited where applicable by documentation. It was also agreed that the group should not necessarily pick only prominent figures but conversely should not refrain from utilizing prominent figures when they are typical of a request category.

6. The group was advised by the Secretary that it would receive a briefing on 16 June 1965 at 0930 at CIA on the major biographic activities of FTD (Foreign Technology Division, Air Force Systems Command) by Messrs. John Honaker and Gustov Simpson. This will include information on CIRC, TIPS, Crosscheck and Superfac.

25X1A 7. After the meeting the group met with the Chief, Special Register, OCR, CIA, [REDACTED] who provided the group an enlightening briefing on the activities and nature of the Special Register activities. He provided sizes of the files held, how they were used, related and added to. Examples of the forms used and the kinds of queries that are answered were provided. The group found the briefing to be useful, interesting and relevant to the activities of concern to the working group.

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Secretary

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